

Electric vehicle charging stations now at Jones Farm Campus

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Electric vehicle charging station in parking lot near entrance to Jones Farm Campus on N.E. 25th Avenue. Another charging station is about 20 ft. away in the same location.

Expanding Intel's commitment to environmental stewardship, two electric vehicle charging stations are now available to Intel employees at the Jones Farm Campus. All of the monthly usage at the charging stations is offset with renewable resources. The renewable energy is sourced from approximately 85% wind and 15% biomass power.



The charging stations, each of which can accommodate 4 electric vehicles at the same time, are a pilot project initiated by Intel and Portland General Electric (PGE). Intel will monitor their use and track data on a regular basis.

Because the project is a pilot, there will be no charge to users of the charging stations at the outset. Instead, Intel will cover the costs. Intel will consider usage levels when determining whether there will be any cost to employees later.

"Corporate Services is installing the charging stations at the JF campus in response to employee concerns about climate change and gas prices," said Michelle Vincenti Urpi, Jones Farm Facilities Electrical Engineer. "We also want to support environmental sustainability by offering Intel personnel greener alternatives to minimize impact of daily commuting."

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, there are about 400 all-electric vehicles registered in Oregon. It's not known precisely how many are owned by Intel Oregon employees.

Oregon currently has about 36 electric vehicle charging stations. The city of Hillsboro plans to have 16 stations installed by Coulomb Technologies of Campbell, Calif. by next spring. Hillsboro's first station will be in front of the Civic Center on Main Street in time for the city's Celebrate Hillsboro event on August 7-8, 2009. The others will go at Hillsboro's planned Intermodal Transit Facility, which is expected to be finished by next June at the downtown MAX stop.

